



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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November, 27, 2000

RE: MUR 5141
Schering-Plough Corporation

Dear Mr. Portnoy:

This is in response to your letter dated November 17, 2000, which we received on that day, requesting an extension until December 22, 2000, to respond to the complaint in the above-noted matter.

Considering the Federal Election Commission's responsibilities to act expeditiously in the conduct of investigations, the Office of the General Counsel cannot grant your full request, but can only agree to an extension until December 11, 2000. Accordingly, the response is due by close of business on December 11, 2000.

If you have any questions, please contact me on our toll-free telephone number, (800) 424-9530. Our local telephone number is (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff S. Jordan".

Jeff S. Jordan
Supervisory Attorney
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